

CLAIMS

I claim:

- 1 1. A padded license plate screw assembly, comprising:
 - 2 (a) a screw having a head and a shank extending from the
 - 3 head, the screw being dimensioned and configured for attaching a
 - 4 license plate to an automobile bumper;
 - 5 (b) a washer disposed on the shank below the head of the
 - 6 screw; and
 - 7 (c) a cushion cap having a centrally aligned hollow shaft,
 - 8 the cap being permanently attached to the washer and covering the
 - 9 head of the screw, the hollow shaft being aligned above the head
 - 10 of the screw in order to allow a screw driving device to pass
 - 11 through the shaft and engage the head of the screw for fastening
 - 12 the license plate to the bumper.
- 1 2. The padded license plate screw assembly according to
- 2 claim 1, wherein said cushion cap is made from neoprene.

1 3. The padded license plate screw assembly according to
2 claim 1, wherein said washer has a plurality of tapered holes
3 defined therein, said cap having corresponding tapered
4 protrusions extending into the tapered holes in order to secure
5 said cap to said washer.

1 4. The padded license plate screw assembly according to
2 claim 1, wherein said cap is constructed of a transparent
3 material.

1 5. The padded license plate screw assembly according to
2 claim 1, wherein the screw is a flathead screw, the head having
3 a tapered bottom surface forming a countersink, washer having a
4 countersunk bore defined therein corresponding to and mating
5 with the bottom surface of the head of the screw.

1 6. A padded license plate screw assembly, comprising:

2 (a) a screw having a flat, extended head and a shank
3 extending from the head, the screw being dimensioned and
4 configured for attaching a license plate to an automobile bumper;
5 and

6 (b) a cushion cap having a centrally aligned hollow shaft,
7 said cap being permanently attached to the head of the screw and
8 covering the head of the screw, the hollow shaft being aligned
9 above the head of the screw in order to allow a screw driving
10 device to pass through the shaft to engage the head of the screw
11 for fastening the license plate to the bumper.

1 7. The padded license plate screw assembly according to
2 claim 6, wherein said cushion cap is made from neoprene.

1 8. The padded license plate screw assembly according to
2 claim 6, wherein the head of said screw has a plurality of
3 tapered holes defined therein, said cap having a plurality of
4 corresponding tapered protrusions extending into the tapered
5 holes in order to secure said cap to the head of said screw.

1 9. The padded license plate screw according to claim 6,
2 wherein said rubber cap is constructed of a transparent
3 material.